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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/691,887	Applicant(s) STABB ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the phrase "with respect the item" is grammatically awkward.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Amro et al. ("Amro", US 5,680,561).

As per claims 1-5, 10, 13 Amro teaches a graphical user interface embodied on one or more computer-readable media and executable on a computer, said graphical user interface comprising:

a primary display area operable to display an item (fig. 3; col. 2, lines 56-59; *window 300*)

a navigation area configured to accept user inputs relating to navigational actions to be performed with respect the item (col. 2, lines 59-65; *navigation area comprising elements 320, 322 and 324*); and

a secondary display area rendered in response to a user input representing a proposed navigational action to be performed with respect to the item, wherein said secondary display region displays content which is not currently displayed in the primary display area but which would be displayed in the primary display area if the proposed navigational action were performed, wherein said secondary display area displays a portion of the item which would be viewable in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed, and wherein said proposed navigational action is to navigate to a portion of the item not currently displayed in said primary display area (col. 3, lines 11-27; col. 4, lines 48-52; *window 330*); and

wherein said item is a computer file, a document, a webpage, word processing document, a presentation document, or a spreadsheet (col. 1, lines 21-24; col. 3, line 59 – col. 4, line 3; *documents being stored and retrieved as files*).

As per claim 6, Amro teaches said primary display area is associated with an application capable of displaying said item within said primary display region (fig. 3; *window 300 displaying any of the desired document initiated by its associated application*).

As per claims 7-8, Amro teaches said navigation area includes a scrollbar including a column bar and an indicator box, and wherein said user input representing a proposed navigational action is associated with a location within the column bar that relates to the proposed navigational action, wherein said location is communicated via user interaction with a mouse, wherein said mouse includes a pointer viewable in said navigation area and wherein said pointer is positioned at the location for a predetermined time period (fig. 3; *col. 3, lines 11 et seq.; navigation area comprising elements 320, 322 and 324*).

As per claim 9, Amro teaches said navigational inputs are communicated via a mouse, a keyboard, and/or a screen with user input capacity (col. 2, lines 40-55).

As per claims 11-12, Amro teaches said item to include a link associated with a file or object, and wherein said proposed navigational action is to navigate to said file or object associated with the link (col. 4, lines 39-48).

As per claim 13, Amro teaches said secondary display area displays a portion of the item which would be viewable in the primary display area if said proposed navigational action were performed.

As per claim 14, Amro teaches said secondary display area is hidden in response to a user input subsequent to said user input representing a proposed navigational action (col. 4, lines 48-52; *mini window being removed*).

Claims 15-17, and 29-30 are similar in scope to claims 1-3, 11, 6, 9-10, 13, 11, 13, 10, 13, 13, and 13-14 respectively, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claim 18 is similar in scope to claims 4-5, and is therefore rejected under similar rationale.

Claims 31 and 34 are similar in scope to claim 1, and are therefore rejected under similar rationale. Amro further teaches a preview of the document's content in the mini window 330 as depicted in figure 3 and column 3, lines 24-25.

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Inquires

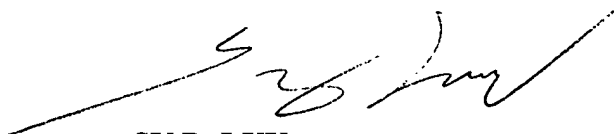
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sy Luu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4064. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:300 am to 4:00 pm (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached on (571) 272-4063.

The fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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